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Subject:

Divisional Patent Application of
Serial No.: 09/251,183 2/17/99

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TOP LAYERS OF METAL FOR HIGH PERFORMANCE
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment for the above referenced Divisional Patent
Application. Please amend the above identified application for patent as follows:

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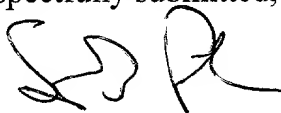
After the title, insert -- This is a division of Patent Application serial number 09/251,183, filing date 2/17/99, Top Layers Of Metal For High Performance Ic's, assigned to the same assignee as the present invention.

REMARKS

A reference to the parent case has been added by Preliminary Amendment to this Divisional Patent Application.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Allowance of the subject Patent Application is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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